

DelDOT Status Report for Thursday Morning

Governor Carney shares DelDOT's winter travel information for February 9, 2017

Dover, Del. – Governor John Carney urges all Delawareans to travel with caution and to read important information from DelDOT regarding today's winter weather event:

As rain is just now beginning to change to snow in parts of New Castle County, officials from the Delaware Department of Transportation are cautioning motorists to give themselves extra travel time this morning, as some roads could be slick with snow or ice.

Because this event is starting as rain, then forecast to transition to snow, pre-treating the roads with salt would not have been effective, so motorists should be extra vigilant, looking for slick areas on roads.

DelDOT crews are pre-staged at points along major routes, ready to begin applying salt the moment when the rain transitions to snow.

During this event, DelDOT officials urge all motorists to give snow plows a great deal of space for safety reasons. If a plow is applying salt or plowing, cars should not pass the plow, and should stay behind the plow at least five car lengths.

DelDOT recommends the following winter driving tips:

Plan ahead by listening to weather reports and WTMC 1380 AM.

Bridges and overpasses typically freeze sooner than approach roads. Slow down before traveling over an elevated roadway and keep steady momentum without braking will help you keep

control of your vehicle.

Snowplows don't always travel at consistent speeds. They may need to slow down or speed up to remove snow and ice that has been packed down by traffic. For your safety, it is recommended that you stay a safe distance behind the snowplows.

Be careful when approaching intersections; other drivers may have difficulty stopping or turning on snow-packed or icy intersections.

Motorists may contact the Transportation Management Center (TMC) 24/7 to report any travel or traffic related issues at the following numbers: Dial #77 from any cell phone; (302) 659-4600; or 1-800-324-8379.

The DelDOT App is available for Apple & Android smart phones and tablets, and can be downloaded free, search for "DelDOT" at the Apple and Google Play stores. With the DelDOT App you can view real time traffic cameras, information about DART schedules, travel times, delays, advisories, and also listen to WTCM 1380 AM.